

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the last paragraph on page 9 and ending on Page 10 and insert the following new paragraph:

The base 76 of actuator member 12 is formed as a block having generally flat side opposed faces 78a, 78b and flat bottom face 80. The base 76 is interconnected to upper portion 70 by a narrowed intermediate section 82. The opposed faces 78a each have a locking slot 84 creating a guide means for a locking element 88 in the form of a plastic ball and the like (Fig. 2 and 11). The slot 84 has a varying depth with slot section 84a having a shallower depth than lower slot section 84b (Fig. 11). The slot sections 84a and 84b are interconnected by a connecting ramp 84c. The ~~actuator~~ locking element 88 in the form of a plastic ball and the like is situated within the opposed locking slots 84 of both actuator members 12 of a size to engage prong hole 10a. As seen in Fig. 2, bottom face 80 is slideable along wall 90 of housing 4 while face 78c contacts for a sliding motion walls 92 of housing 4. The bottom face 80c of actuator member 12 also is slideable along a surface (not shown) of housing 4. Accordingly, it should be apparent that depression of actuator element 14' causes the actuator member [[14]] 12 to move along an axis generally perpendicular to the place of faceplate 6.

Delete the last paragraph on page 10 and ending on page 11 and insert the following new paragraph:

As seen in Figs. 2, 9 and 11, each of the opposed slots 84 having a longitudinal axis extending parallel along the axis of movement of the actuator member 12. As a result, the locking element 88 is positioned in shallow slot section 84a while the actuator

member 12 is in its normal, outwardly biased position. As the actuator 14 is depressed to cause movement of the actuator member [[14]] 12 within the receptacle 2, the locking element 88 is positioned within the deeper slot section 84b. While in the deeper slot section 84b, the locking element moves away from the prong 10 or prong hole 10a to allow the insertion of the prong of a plug or release of a locking element 88 positioned in prong hole 10a during depression of the actuator member 14. Upon release of the actuator member 12 after a prong 10 is fully inserted, the locking element 88 is positioned in the shallow section 84a by which the wall 84' of slot 84 (Figs. 2, 9 and 11) biases the locking element 88 into the exposed, adjacent hole 10a of an inserted prong. A pair of actuator members [[14]] 12 are employed in connection with the pair of holes 8 and 8' of each outlet of the two outlet electrical receptacle 2. Thus, additional actuator members [[14]] 12 and locking elements 88 may be used when the electrical receptacle 2 includes more than two electrical outlets as shown. As seen in Fig. 2, each actuator member is moveable between the spaced prongs 10 of a male plug to respectively insert locking elements 88 into holes 10a of the prongs 10 being inserted into contact slots 28 and 46 or slots 30 and 52 of the terminals 20 and 22. The design of the electrical receptacle 2 insures that the prong 10 of a two prong plug is in both a position for locking and in a respective contact slot when substantially fully inserted into electrical receptacle 2.